Closure of Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility

I support the closure of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility. This action will remove one of many rallying cries that our enemies use to recruit future terrorists. However, I also believe that prior to closing the detention facility, President Obama should first submit a plan to Congress detailing the specifics of how and where the detainees will be transferred. The security of all Americans must be a top priority.

Domestic Acts of Terrorism

Since September 11, 2001, Americans have found themselves concerned with an unthought-of threat of domestic terrorism. Several plots have been thwarted thanks to many advances in intelligence and information gathering. Unfortunately, our nation's homeland security system is not perfect. The case of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's attempted December 25 th attack further demonstrates that improvements can and must be made.

Immigration

I oppose amnesty, and firmly believe that individuals who desire to live and work in the United States of America must do so legally. The current immigration system is broken and must be fixed. Our nation currently faces challenges with border enforcement, the provision of justice, and outdated guest and worker visa programs. A comprehensive approach to immigration reform is the only method of properly addressing this national security issue. I support an earned path to legal status which would require individuals pay a fine and all back taxes, learn English, and undergo a background check. Additionally, we must end the practice of tearing families apart and must always demonstrate respect for the individual.